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This report by Mr. [REDACTED] of the IG Staff focused on 25X1A  
Information Processing from its very beginning. Records Management  
was brought in only incidentally after Mr. Stewart interviewed me  
and told [REDACTED] to talk with me for his study.

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John was insistent that he would not consider the other facets  
of Records Creation or Disposition. He wanted to consider systems  
only. I believe our Program Call gives a more balanced analysis  
of the Total Records Program with its accomplishments and potential.

It is his opinion on page 36 that we have a "principle pre-  
occupation" with the space problem. At this moment in time that is  
correct and his 54 page report isn't big enough to cover all the  
records problems the Agency faces and that we struggle with on a  
continuing basis. The System is only one problem and that is  
recognized as a command responsibility. We provide advice and  
guidance. If we stop the Agency will have a serious calamity on  
its hands.

John's proposal on page 43 that we handle Archives *Part-time* reveals his  
lack of knowledge and perception and cannot be accepted. We will  
prepare a refutation with supporting evidence.

Attached for your information is the General Counsel opinion  
quoted on page 36.

On pages 10-12 he speaks of the enormous volumes of records  
from electronic devices of all types. He also mentions their enormous  
processing costs but fails to indicate that these exotic systems do  
not include final records storage. Our Records Center has much of  
its space taken by NPIC and will have more taken up by new products  
from NPIC and other devices. Our response to this study should use the  
opportunity to protest such incomplete planning for exotic new electro-  
nic systems. Their plans should not end with the operating office and  
ignore the subsequent systems requirement related to the storage and  
retrieval of the semi-active records from those systems.

I am sure I will have additional comments after I study this report  
but this will serve as an immediate reaction. I do believe the DDI and  
DDP Senior Records Management Officers should be given the advantage  
of reviewing the IG report.

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